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***Re: In the Matter of North Central Communications, Incorporated's Petition for  
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier; Case No. 2003-00397***

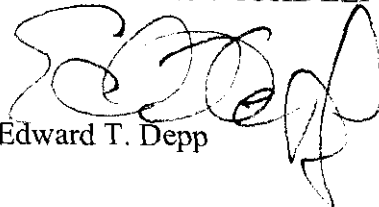
Dear Mr. Dorman:

Enclosed please find the original and eleven copies of North Central Communications, Incorporated's Responses to the Commission's Initial Data Requests to be filed of record in this action. Please file stamp one of the copies and return it to our paralegal, Ms. Jody Perry.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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INCORPORATED'S PETITION FOR )  
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER )

Case No. 2003-00397

**NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED'S RESPONSES  
TO THE COMMISSION'S INITIAL DATA REQUESTS**

North Central Communications, Incorporated ("NCC"), by counsel, pursuant to the November 10, 2003 scheduling order ("the Order") of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky ("the Commission"), hereby files its responses to the Commission's initial data requests as set forth in Appendix A to the Order. In response to those data requests, NCC states as follows.

**QUESTION NO. 1:** NCC states that it currently provides service in Scottsville, Kentucky. Is this the only exchange in which NCC plans to provide service? Does NCC have facilities in place or otherwise have arrangements that will enable it to provide service to the entire exchange?

**RESPONSE:** NCC's service area is limited to the Scottsville, Kentucky rate center area now served by Kentucky ALLTEL, Inc. ("ALLTEL"). NCC has facilities in place to serve the vast preponderance of the exchange but would utilize resale services were it asked to serve a customer that it, presently, could not. To date, NCC has only once utilized resale in lieu of its own facilities. NCC has no immediate plans to expand its offering beyond the Scottsville exchange.

**QUESTION NO. 2.:** NCC agrees that if designated as an ETC, NCC will comply with the following: offer the services that are supported by federal universal support mechanisms under Section 254(c). These services are:

- a. Voice-grade access to the public switched telephone network, including some usage;
- b. Dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent;
- c. Single-party service or its functional equivalent;
- d. Access to emergency services including 911 and Enhanced 911;
- e. Access to operator services;
- f. Access to interexchange service;
- g. Access to directory assistance.

To what extent (number or percentage of lines or customers) does NCC provide each service?

**RESPONSE:** NCC already provides the above-listed services to one-hundred percent (100%) of its subscribers, and it agrees that it would continue to do so following ETC designation.

**QUESTION NO. 3:** Affirm that NCC is currently providing all of the above services and the manner in which it is providing those services. If NCC is not providing any of these services, explain why it does not provide those services and/or when it would plan to provide those services.

**RESPONSE:** NCC is providing all of the services stated in Question 2 to all of its subscribers. The Company has deployed its own facilities and all of its voice grade services are

DTMF single line services. Pursuant to its tariffs on file with the Kentucky Public Service Commission, all local services currently include flat-rate calling within the designated local calling areas. The Company's network is connected with the county PSAP for the provision of 911 services and to BellSouth under contract for its operator and directory assistance services. Access to interexchange services is through either direct trunking from its switch to the carriers or through tandem trunk arrangements.

**QUESTION NO. 4.:** NCC also agrees to comply with the following: offer all services that are supported by federal universal support mechanisms under Section 254(c) using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services, including the services offered by another eligible telecommunications carrier.

a. Provide a breakdown of the current number of access lines served by each method.

b. Does NCC provide any access lines to customers concurrently served by any other incumbent local exchange carrier? If there are any, are the lines provided by NCC primary or secondary? If there is more than one type, provide the number of primary and the number of secondary lines.

**RESPONSE:** NCC agrees to offer all services that are supported by federal universal support mechanisms under Section 254(c). NCC will do so using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services, including the services offered by another eligible telecommunications carrier.

a. NCC provides service to approximately 1300 lines using its own facilities. One line is served via resale of ALLTEL service.

b. There is no technical restriction on the use of NCC's service as either a primary service or secondary service. NCC customers may have both NCC services and service from another provider at the same premises. NCC has no way of determining how many of its lines might be considered "primary" or "secondary."

**QUESTION NO. 5:** Provide a detailed history of plant equipment improvements or investments by NCC since it began providing competitive local exchange service.

**RESPONSE:**

**QUESTION NO. 6:** Provide a description of the approximate geographic area and the population covered by NCC and any areas of planned expansion. Provide a map of the actual area covered and any planned areas of expansion.

**RESPONSE:** Relying on US Census data, the company estimates the population of Scottsville at just over 4,327 with a total of 1,839 households. NCC anticipates that its serving area encompasses the entire population of that exchange. Its operating map, included in Attachment 1, is based on the Scottsville exchange area published by ALLTEL in its local tariff.

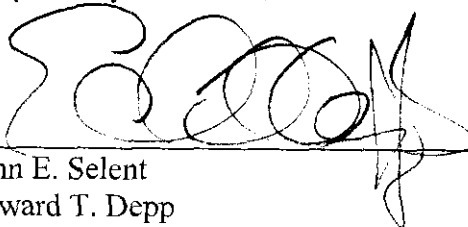
**QUESTION NO. 7:** Is NCC willing and able to serve all customers within the above-described geographic area?

**RESPONSE:** NCC is willing and able to serve all customers in the Scottsville exchange described in Question 6, above.

**QUESTION NO. 8:** Has NCC identified the amount of federal high cost universal service funding associated with this area?

**RESPONSE:** NCC has not determined the amount of federal high cost universal service funding associated with this area; however, the company is seeking to serve approximately 100 Lifeline subscribers to whom it can not cost-effectively provide service without ETC certification.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

It is hereby certified that a copy of the foregoing Responses to the Commission's Initial Data Requests (with a redacted copy of the Information for which confidentiality is being sought) was served by first-class United States mail, postage-prepaid, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003, upon the following individuals.

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